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American Consulate General, Chennai

Vacancy Announcement Number: CHE-PSAP-2016-16

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates / All Sources

POSITION TITLE: Cultural Affairs Specialist (MLA-710002)

OPENING DATE: June 9, 2016

CLOSING DATE: June 17, 2016

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: Ordinarily Resident (OR) - Grade: FSN-10
Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) - Grade: FP-05*
*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (See Definitions) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

American Consulate General, Chennai, is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of Cultural Affairs Specialist in the Public Affairs Section.

Applicants must apply on U.S. Mission's Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (form DS-174) and specify the vacancy announcement number. Applications not completed on UAE form, or without reference to a specific vacancy announcement number will not be considered. Only completed forms will be considered. (See "HOW TO APPLY" below)

NOTE: Due to the high volume of applications received, we will only contact applicants who are being considered. Thank you for your understanding.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

Under minimum supervision of the Supervisory Cultural Affairs Specialist, designs, develops, plans and manages a broad range of strategic programs including but not limited to U.S. Speaker programs, grant projects, and other cultural programs in support of Mission goals for target audiences in the Chennai consular district. Develops and maintains contacts with high-level influencers in Mission priority areas to advance U.S. Government (USG) policy goals. Identifies nominees from the consular district for Mission exchange programs and provides administrative support for Post exchange program candidates. As a Grants Officer Representative, monitors PAS Chennai-initiated grants. Provides comprehensive support for Post programs and analyzes Post program results and outcomes for Public Affairs, Consulate, and Mission leadership

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

- a) Bachelor's degree in humanities and social sciences, liberal arts, or international relations.
- b) Minimum 5 years work experience in program management in a university, nongovernmental organization (NGO), or comparable institution.
- c) Language proficiency:
 - English - Level IV (speaking/writing) is required;
 - Tamil or Kannada or Malayalam - Level III (speaking/writing) is required.

*(When applying for the position, please indicate **your level** of proficiency in the languages).*

- d) Demonstrated knowledge of political, educational, and cultural institutions in South India, with ability to analyze trends and relate them to post program objectives in the fields of social sciences, arts, and the humanities.
- e) Demonstrated ability to maintain and develop necessary professional contacts, plan and execute programs to address Mission goals, analyze and report on program activities, computer literacy. Outstanding analytical, organizational, interpersonal and communication skills.

For Further Information: A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. To request the position description, kindly send an email to chennai-vacancies@state.gov

SELECTION PROCESS: Only short-listed candidates will be notified and will be required to undergo testing to evaluate skills in language, writing, critical thinking, and knowledge of current affairs. Only candidates who successfully complete the testing will be interviewed.

HIRING PREFERENCE SELECTION PROCESS: When qualified, applicants in the following hiring preference categories are extended a hiring preference in the order listed below. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants accurately describe their status on the application. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not eligible for a hiring preference.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) AEFM / USEFM who is a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran*
- (2) AEFM / USEFM
- (3) FS on LWOP**

* IMPORTANT: Applicants who claim status as a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran must submit a copy of the most recent Member Copy Four (4) of the DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, and, if applicable, a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. If claiming conditional eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference, applicants must submit proof of conditional eligibility. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veterans' preference will not be considered in the application process. Mission HR's decision on eligibility for U.S. Veterans' preference after reviewing all required documentation is final.

** This level of preference applies to all Foreign Service employees on LWOP

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget and residency status.
2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.

3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a local security certification and medical clearance.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

- Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website: http://chennai.usconsulate.gov/job_opportunities.html or by contacting our Human Resources Office (See “For Further Information” above);
and

PLEASE NOTE: Effective April 1st 2016, Resumes/Curriculum Vitae/Bio-Data's **will not be accepted** therefore, completion and providing necessary information on the Universal Application for Employment form (UAE) DS-174 is a must.

“The spacing issue on the DS-174 has been resolved however; you may continue to attach annexures in case you would like to provide any further information/details.”

- Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. degrees, transcripts, language test scores, typing test scores, work and/or residency permits, etc.)

WHERE TO APPLY:

Mailing Address: American Consulate General
Attention: Management Officer
220 Anna Salai
Chennai 600 006

E-mail: chennai-vacancies@state.gov

(Please insert “**CHE-PSAP-2016-16**” (Vacancy Announcement Number) in the subject line of the e-mail. Applications without the announcement number or with incorrect announcement number will not be considered).

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission in Chennai provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

DEFINITIONS

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is defined as an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610); **or**
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**

- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; **or**
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria.

- A MOH is someone who accompanies or joins a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- A MOH must be officially declared to the COM by the sponsoring employee as part of his/her household; and
- A MOH is under COM authority;
- A MOH may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative, or adult child;
- A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen;

- A MOH is **not** an EFM;
- A MOH is **not** listed on the travel orders or approved Form F-126 of a sponsoring employee.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: June 17, 2016

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